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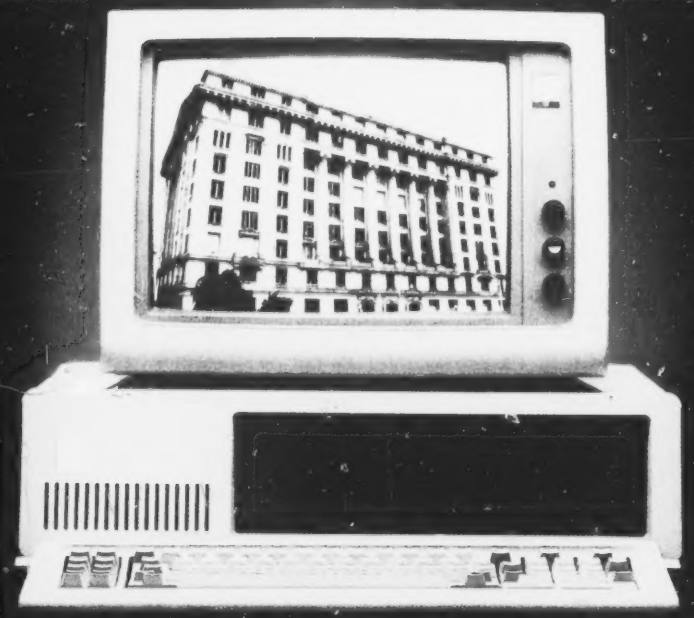

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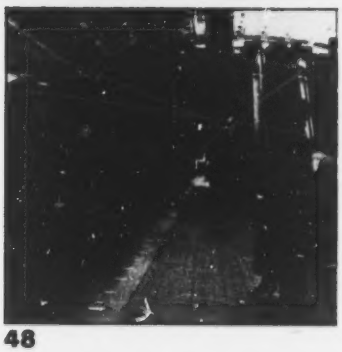

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As vandalism and terrorism increase, local governments are looking for more effective methods of security for public facilities. This month, we take a look at trends in security systems, including the use of computers and other technological innovations. (Photograph by Jeff Licata)

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MUNICIPAL COST INDEXES

The **Municipal Cost Index** rose 0.2 percent for the month to 333.0. The index rise matched the increases in the **ACC Construction Cost Index** and the **Producer Price Index**. The **Consumer Price Index** rose 0.3 percent for the month to 311.7, resulting in a total increase of 4.6 percent since last year.

With three-quarters of fiscal 1984 complete, state and local governments are showing a budget surplus of $60.5 billion, a 49.8 percent increase from last year. In this month's marketbasket of commodities, electric lamps, gasoline, lp gas, lumber, and wire and cable lead price decliners.

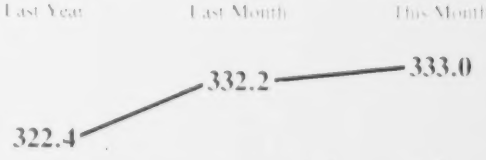
Compiled by Jeff Atkinson

THIS MONTH'S MARKETBASKET

	Current Index	Percent Change From: Last Month	Last Year
Air Conditioners	144.5	0.1	0.8
Apparel	201.9	0.6	1.8
Asphalt Roofing	392.6	0.1	1.9
Books	127.2	1.2	4.4
Chemicals, Industrial	345.7	0.1	0.4
Coal	546.8	0.6	2.2
Concrete Products	310.6	0.2	2.7
Construction Machinery	358.2	0.0	1.5
Diesel Fuel	697.3	0.9	2.1
Electric Components	275.0	0.5	1.3
Electric Lamps	336.3	1.7	7.4
Electric Power	453.9	1.7	6.4
Engines, I.C.	345.3	0.2	0.8
Fans, Blowers	351.0	0.2	4.0
Fertilizers, Mixed	268.6	0.3	3.5
Floor Coverings	191.4	0.1	2.6
Flow Instruments	100.8	0.2	N.A.
Footwear	250.1	0.1	0.1
Foundry Products	361.1	0.1	2.6
Fuel Oil No. 2	733.8	0.9	1.7
Furniture, Commercial	297.9	0.3	3.6
Gasoline	573.0	2.0	7.6
Generator Sets	340.3	0.0	1.6
Glass	227.4	0.0	1.0
Glass Containers	367.4	0.3	4.4
Gypsum Products	360.6	0.1	30.7
Hardware	295.8	0.3	1.3
Heating Equipment	254.7	1.4	4.0
HVAC Controls	192.3	0.2	3.6
LP Gas	633.9	1.9	12.8
Lubricants	369.6	-0.1	5.6
Lumber	343.3	2.3	N.A.
Metal Fabrications	311.6	0.2	3.1
Millwork	305.7	0.2	3.2
Motor Vehicle Parts	353.1	0.0	0.3
Mowers	257.5	0.2	1.6
Natural Gas	1437.8	0.8	1.2
Office Machines	154.2	0.1	0.1
Paint	274.1	1.2	3.4
Paper	307.9	2.2	10.3
Passenger Cars	221.1	0.1	1.7
Plumbing Fixtures	302.5	0.2	4.2
Plywood	237.1	0.3	6.1
Portland Cement	353.5	0.1	3.8
Pumps	349.9	0.1	0.6
Residual Fuel	1159.4	0.8	10.2
Sand, Gravel	297.0	0.4	4.8
Sanitary Papers	367.1	1.2	2.5
Soaps, Detergents	265.2	0.3	0.9
Sporting Goods	205.5	0.0	0.5
Steel Mill Products	367.8	0.7	4.8
Struc. Clay Products	285.7	0.0	1.2
Switchgear	275.0	0.5	1.3
Tires, Tubes	244.1	0.2	0.7
Transformers	227.9	0.2	1.9
Trucks	334.7	0.0	6.8
Valves	101.9	0.1	2.0
Wire, Cable	322.9	1.1	3.7
Wiring Devices	355.8	0.2	5.9

At-A-Glance Changes

ACC MUNICIPAL COST INDEX



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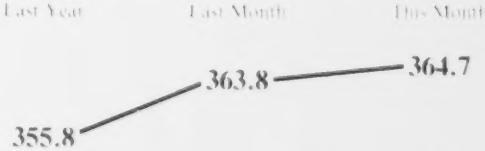
ACC CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX



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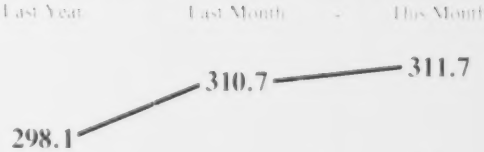

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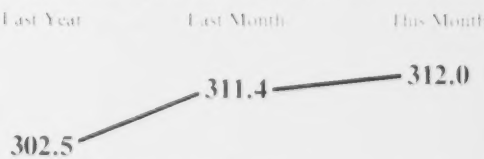

Percent Change From Last Month 0.2 Year 3.0

QUARTERLY MUNICIPAL TRENDS

	Current Level	Percent Change From: Last Qtr.	Last Year
Receipts	514.2B	-2.7	11.4
Federal Grants	90.4B	4.6	5.4
Durable Purchases	15.1B	2.7	8.6
Consumables	34.1B	0.3	10.7
Services	345.2B	2.2	7.9
Structures	41.3B	5.6	4.6
Salaries, Wages	252.3B	2.1	7.9
Surplus	60.5B	4.1	49.8
Employment	13.123M	0.0	0.2